

REMARKS

The present Amendment is submitted after receipt of the Notice of Allowance and is in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.312. It is submitted that entry of these amendments clearly is warranted under the present circumstances for the following reasons.

The amendments to the specification, abstract and drawings embody merely the correction of formal matters.

Drawings figures 4 and 14 have been amended to provide the correct reference numerals. In particular, in Fig. 4 numeral "19" has been changed to -17--; and in Fig. 14 numeral "18" has been changed to -19--.

Also, the amendments to the claims remove the reference numerals and address minor formal matters that do not change the scope of the claims. These amendments are necessary to correct certain minor grammatical and expressional features. Nevertheless, the changes are necessary for proper disclosure and protection of the invention.

To facilitate entry of the amendments, a substitute specification and abstract has been prepared. No new matter has been added. Also enclosed is a "marked-up" version of the specification and abstract to show the changes that have been incorporated into the substitute specification and abstract.

In view of the presentation of the substitute specification and abstract, it is submitted that consideration and entry of the amendments will not require any substantial amount of additional work on the part of the PTO.

As indicated, the amendments do not in any way affect the scope of the invention disclosed or of the invention as claimed. Therefore, obviously it will not be necessary for any additional searching or examination of the application to be conducted. Since the scope of the claims has not changed, the claims remain patentable for the original reasons of allowance. These amendments were not presented previously, since the Examiner allowed this application on the first examination.

In view of the above, it is submitted that entry of the present amendments clearly is warranted, and such entry hereby is requested.

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